

A service of Morning Prayer

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Give us the joy of your saving help
and sustain us with your gracious Spirit.

We have come together in the name of Christ
To offer our praise and thanksgiving,
To hear and receive God's holy word,
To pray for the needs of the world,
And to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
That by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving
and be glad in him with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God
and a great king above all gods.

**Come, let us worship and bow down
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

For he is our God;
we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

**Lord God,
We have sinned against you;
We have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
And restore us to the joy of your salvation;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

May the Father of all mercies
Cleanse *you* from *your* sins,
And restore *you* in his image
To the praise and glory of his name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Blessed is the Lord,
For he has heard the voice of our prayer;

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
And in our song will we praise our God.

Listening and responding to God's word

Readings from the Old and New Testaments

At the end of each reading the response is

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Special Prayer for Today

Prayers of intercession

The response to
Lord in your mercy

is Hear our Prayer

and at the end

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Concluding with:

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

Going out to serve God

Notices

Blessing

We go into the world

To walk in God's light,

To rejoice in God's love

And to reflect God's glory.

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